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OILER THIRD CLASS 1885 - 1894

BOATSWAIN'S MATE SECOND CLASS 1885 - 1894



SHOWN
FULL SIZE

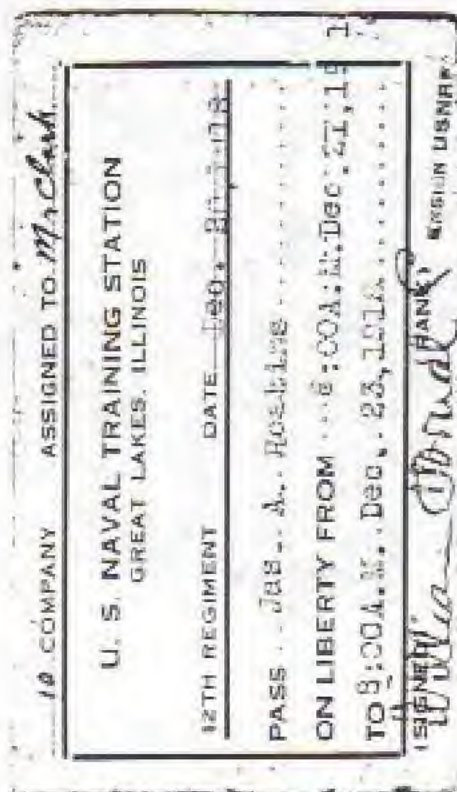
SEAMAN GUNNER DISTINGUISHING MARK 1886-1897. SUPERIMPOSED AS PER USN UR OF 1886. THIS IS UNIQUE IN THAT IT IS SO WELL MADE AS TO INDICATE FOREIGN MANUFACTURE. EAGLE, PROPELLER, AND BOMB ARE POWDER BLUE MACHINÉ EMBROIDERED - THE TWO CHEVRONS ARE RED MATERIAL VERY FINELY HAND STITCHED TO THE WHITE CANVAS BACKGROUND. THE BORDER OF THE PATCH IS UNIQUE - IT IS THE STYLE OF GERMAN WWII NAVAL RATINGS WITH BIASED SEAMS. THE EAGLE IS SO FINELY DONE IT CAN ONLY BE APPRECIATED BY SEEING THE ACTUAL RATING BADGE.

SILVER HAND EMBROIDERED BULLION EAGLE AND ANCHORS INDIVIDUALLY CUT OUT RED CHEVRONS - HAND STITCHED TO NAVY BLUE WOOL BACKGROUND - BACK HAS BRITISH STYLE BLACK PAPER GLUED ON REVERSE

THE EAGLES BOTH FACE TO THE VIEWER'S LEFT - THIS IS THE CORRECT POSITION IN THE RULES OF HERALDRY, BUT THE U.S. NAVY UNIFORM REGULATIONS CALL FOR THE EAGLE TO FACE RIGHT AS YOU VIEW IT. PHOTOGRAPHS EXIST OF PETTY OFFICERS WEARING THE OLD STRAIGHT WING EAGLE OF 1885 WITH THE EAGLE FACING LEFT AS IN THE ABOVE TWO EXAMPLES. (REFERENCE - GUNNER'S MATE THIRD CLASS, USS WYOMING, CIRCA 1904.)



IN ISSUE #6, PAGE 16 CLEMENT V. KELLY JR.
LISTED SOME USN DMs WORN BY MARINES;
HERE JIM BROWNING SENT IN THIS
PARACHUTEMAN DM, BUT IN YELLOW/GOLD
ON NAVY BLUE. ALSO FOR MARINES



THIS IS A VERY INTERESTING POST WWI
ARMISTICE LIBERTY PASS. NOTE
SIGNED BY ENSIGN USNRF. THE NRF
WAS CHANGED TO USNR IN 1927.

MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER
OF THE NAVY

THIS RATING BADGE WAS WORN BY MCPON
DUANE R. BUSHEY, NOW RETIRED



DAVE SULLIVAN SENT IN A WHITE MCPO OF THE NAVY
THAT APPEARED IN ISSUE #4, BACK PAGE, BUT IT WAS
NOT ATTRIBUTED TO THE ORIGINAL OWNER

FIRST BATTLE OF THE IRONCLADS 9 MARCH 1862

THE MONITOR AND THE MERRIMACK IN THE CIVIL WAR

LAY OUT AND
INFORMATION
BY
STEPHEN DECATUR
ROHDE



PHOTOGRAPH
AND
AUTOGRAPH
STEVEN A. WOLL
COLLECTION

The iron warriors spurred like hares, often coming so close to each other that they accidentally touched while maneuvering to fire.



COMMANDER JOHN L. WORDEN
OF THE U.S.S. MONITOR

*John L. Worden
Rear Admt U.S.N.
Washington D.C.
April 9th 1862*

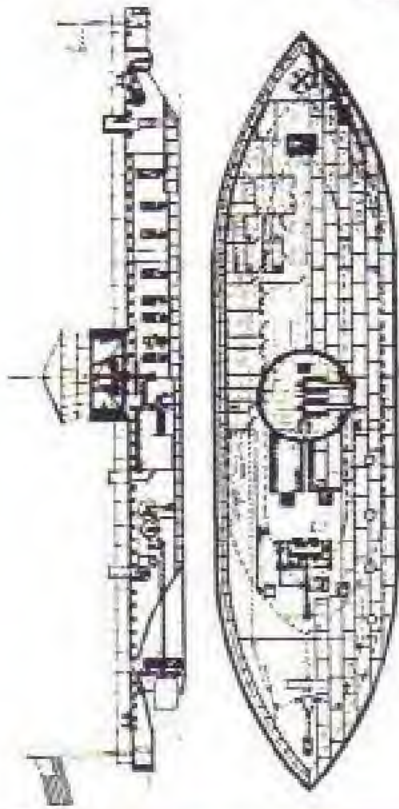
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This almost all skeletons photo shows the Monitor lying upside down off Cape Hatteras. The turret having fallen off at the vessel's bow, now partly under the stern at the upper right. Other features include the armor belt around the hull and the gunboat well at the bow. Photograph by Glen Tillman, Alton Marine Corporation. Photographs by U.S. Navy.

Worden, (JOHN LORIMER,) an American naval officer, was born in Westchester county, New York, March 13, 1818. He entered the navy in 1834, and became a Lieutenant in 1840. In April, 1861, he was sent as a bearer of despatches to Fort Pickens at Pensacola. He was arrested as he was returning by land, and kept in prison seven months. He commanded the floating battery Monitor, which was armed with two 11-inch smooth-bore Dahlgren guns, carrying a shot of one hundred and sixty-eight pounds, and which left New York March 6, 1862. He arrived at Hampton Roads on the evening of the 8th, after the iron-clad Merrimack had destroyed the wooden frigates Cumberland and Congress. On the morning of the 9th a memorable and indecisive battle was fought by the Merrimack and Monitor, the former of which was partly disabled and abandoned the fight, after several violent collisions with the Monitor. He was raised to the rank of commander in the summer of 1862, became a captain in February, 1863, and commanded the iron-clad Monitor in the operations against Fort Sumter in April of that year. In June, 1865, he was appointed a commodore.

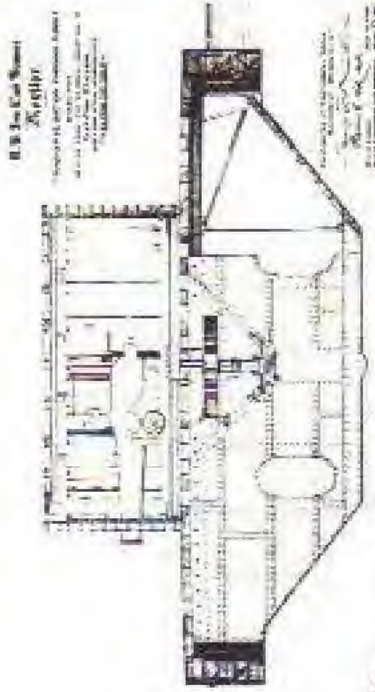
U.S.S. MONITOR FEDERAL IRONCLAD OF THE CIVIL WAR



The Monitor shows down the navy in a contemporary newspaper drawing below. Her plans (above) show that forward of her engines there was room in the hull for many cabins and access to the gunhouse.



LIEUT. SAMUEL DANA GREENE.
(EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE "MONITOR.")



U.S.S. Monitor (1862) transverse section through the turret, engineering from the original drawings of John Ericsson. Official U.S. Navy Photograph.



A Monitor's 150-ton turret was the Monitor's main gun. The U.S.S. Monitor (above) was a typical rather large side-wheel-of-the-times, when the Monitor's single revolving ironclad ship which had been constructed for the twin hulls was, similar to the rest of the navy. While the rest, in fair weather or foul, used the top of the turret as a "mast," the vulnerable pivot turret, with its steering wheel, located forward, was not replaced on the turret until subsequent monitors. Courtesy of Naval History Division, Navy Department.



JOHN LORIMER WORDEN
COMMANDER OF THE MONITOR
LATER AS A REAR ADMIRAL



A TYPICAL OCEAN

Here lies the U.S.S. Monitor. The old monitor's location was first concealed by the many wrecks off Havana and lack of accurate knowledge. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the U. S. Department of Commerce, the wreck lies "about 15.10 miles south-south-east of the Cape Hat Yena Light," upside-down in 200 feet of water. While within skin divers' depth potential, the location is extremely hazardous because of currents.



CPOs toast to their second century

A gala affair was held at the CPO Club Friday evening April 1, to celebrate the 101st birthday of the Chief Petty Officer grade. Over 100 CPOs, their spouses and guests attended. Under master of ceremonies and CPO Advisory President RMC(SW) Duane Glass of Naval Facility, festivities began with an invocation delivered by OTCAC Jack Zilla, followed by an excellent buffet dinner.

Shortly after dinner, the introductions of distinguished guests was conducted and an overview of the history of the chief petty officer grade was presented by Ben Russell, AMCS(AW) USN retired.

The reading of "The Chief Petty Officer Creed" was impressively given by EHC(AW(SW)) Kevin McWilliams, followed by a toast to chief petty officers everywhere, given by all in attendance.

Featured speaker was Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy John Hagan, who travelled from Washington, DC, accompanied by Navy wife of the year, Chief Therese Carter. Hagan's talk focused

on issues being confronted by a rapid reduction of personnel, ships, bases and squadrons. Especially emphasized were problems that must be overcome through the leadership of the chief petty officers.

After closing remarks by Glass, the birthday cake was cut by the "youngest" and "oldest" active duty CPOs attending. Dancing until midnight to the Emerald Forest Band closed out the evening.

Hosted by Glass were the efforts of PO Barbara Corten, of the Royal Canadian Navy; members of the CPO Wives' Club and other spouses; NOCM(AW) Dick Lillegren; Kirby Schaller, manager of the CPO Club, and her crew of cooks, servers, waitresses, bartenders; and many other unnamed assistants who made the ceremony so successful.

A "thank you" was also rendered to CWO-4, Lester B. Tucker, USN Retired, whose historical display honoring the master chief petty officer and chief petty officers

was rising badges and hat insignia added special meaning to the event.



MCPO JOHN HAGAN talks to dinner guests gathered to celebrate the 101st birthday of the CPO grade.

NAVY CIVILIAN SHIP YARD WORKER OF WORLD WAR II

TERMINAL ISLAND IS THREE MILES LONG AND IS LOCATED IN LOS ANGELES HARBOR



SUBMITTED BY
STEPHEN DECATUR RODE

SENT IN BY CWO-4 LESTER B. TUCKER USN (RET)



CONTRIBUTED BY RUDY BASURTO



WAVE RECRUIT NTG

WORN ON LEFT SHOULDER ONLY AT NAVAL TRAINING CENTERS IN USE FROM 1948 - 1979

WAVE ANCHOR AND PROPELLER
EMBROIDERED ON A 2 3/4 x 3 1/2"
YELLOW FELT DIAMOND

CONTRIBUTED BY DAVE COLLAR



H & H MADE
CLIP ON EAR-RINGS



CONTRIBUTED BY
DAVE COLLAR



NOTE THE SIZE OF
CHEVRONS ON THESE
5K WAVE RATING BADGES
1 15/16 AND 2 1/8



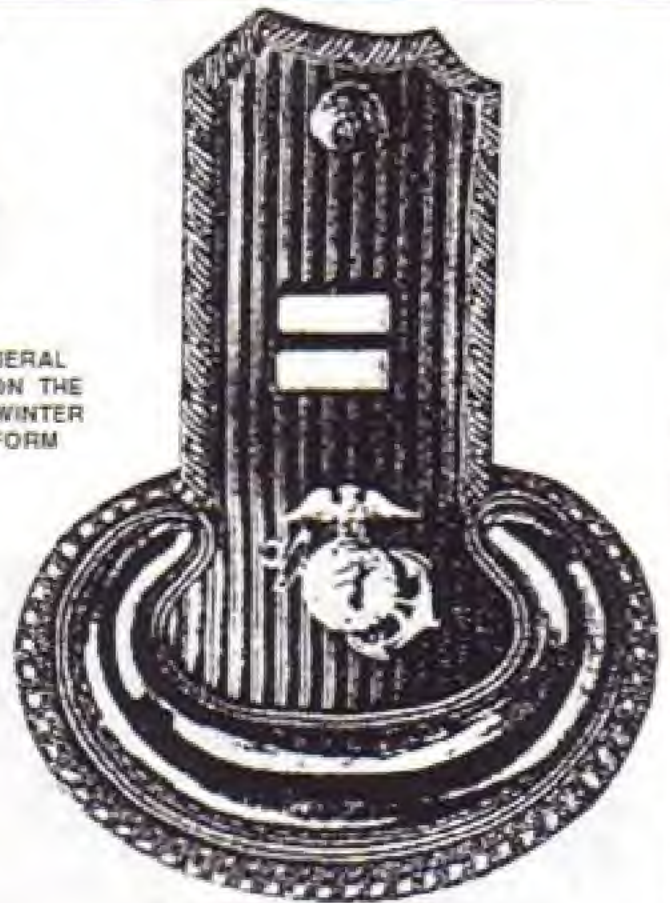
SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR RODE



U.S.M.C. ENLISTEDMAN
GOLD EAGLE FOR DRESS
BLUE CAP - PLASTIC WWII



U.S.M.C. AIDE TO GENERAL
BRONZE FINISH WORN ON THE
LOWER LAPEL OF THE WINTER
SERVICE GREEN UNIFORM



U.S.M.C. OFFICER'S DRESS
EPAULETS CAPT-ABOVE
MAJOR OR LT COL BELOW
WORN 1892 - 1904

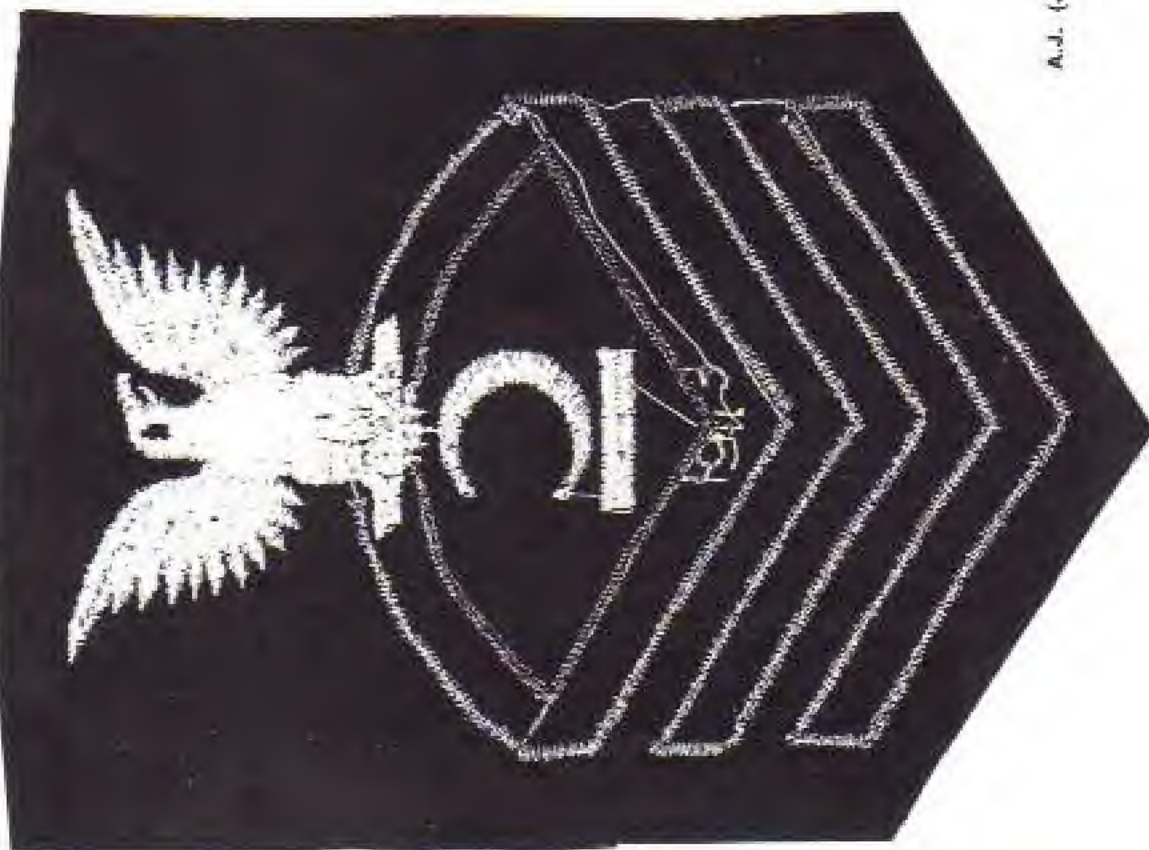


U.S.M.C. ENLISTED SHOULDER
KNOT WITH CORPS DEVICE
WORN AS A MATCHING PAIR ON
THE FULL DRESS COAT 1892 - 1904



SUBMITTED BY
STEPHEN DECATUR ROWE

OFFICERS' STEWARDS AND COOKS 3rd CLASS DISTINGUISHING MARK
 MANUFACTURED IN ERROR AS A PO. RATING. IN ISSUE NO. 6
 PAGE 3 WE SHOWED THE OBTUSE. WE THANK JIM FOR SENDING
 IN THE REVERSE SHOWING THE DATE OF 1943.



YEOMAN SECOND CLASS PETTY OFFICER
 THIS IS A RARE KHAKI RATING BELOW CPO
 WORN ON THE KHAKI SHIRT BY USN
 PERSONNEL ATTACHED TO THE ARMY IN WWII



CONTRIBUTED BY
 A.J. (JIM) BROWNING SKCS USNR

Crosswind - April 8, 1994



THESE HISTORIC BADGES added special significance to last Friday's CPO birthday. They were loaned to the occasion by retired CW0-4 Lester Tucker. Seen at top is the original rating badge worn by master-at-arms as prescribed by uniform regulations of July 1, 1885 and adopted for chief petty officers on April 1, 1893 by USN Regulation Circular 1 of March 13, 1893, with their own specialty mark, i.e., quartermaster, boatswain's mate, gunner's mate, machinist, carpenter's mate, yeoman, bandmaster, apothecary and master-at-arms; (lower left) rating badge style adopted by General Order 431 of Sept. 24, 1894; (lower right) rating badge style adopted in accordance with uniform regulations approved Jan. 25, 1913.

U.S. MARITIME SERVICE INSIGNIA OF WWII

A FEW INTERESTING AND NOT OFTEN SEEN OFFICER CORPS DEVICES WORN ON THE LOWER SLEEVE ABOVE THE RANK BRAID



HOSPITAL - SUPPLY



HOSPITAL - ADMINISTRATION



JEWISH CHAPLAIN



TWO EXAMPLES OF THE CHRISTIAN CHAPLAIN



EXTREMELY RARE BRANCH MARKS - THESE ARE NOT SHOWN IN ANY OF THE STANDARD WWII REFERENCE PUBLICATIONS.

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD CIVILIAN IDENTIFICATION CARD OF WWII

ALEX J. PICOTTE WOULD BE 102 YEARS OLD IN 1994

U. S. G. 2614 UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
IDENTIFICATION CARD

CAPTAIN OF THE PORT
Tacoma, Washington

NAME PICOTTE, Alex J.

OCCUPATION Boatsman

EMPLOYED OR
SPONSORED BY St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Co.

ISSUED 10/23/42 10/23/42 SERIAL 13307223

Alex J. Picotte U. S. G. G.
11-1000-1

NOT VALED WITHOUT SEAL

DATE OF BIRTH 3/21/1892 CITIZENSHIP U.S.

PLACE OF BIRTH Michigan

HEIGHT 5' 6" WEIGHT 179

COLOR HAIR Brown COLOR EYES Brown

ALIAS REGISTRATION NO. _____

Alex J. Picotte
(Signature) 11-1000-1

SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR RONDE



IN MEMORY OF

CAPT. CHARLES WESLEY PECKHAM (1909-1993)
SUPPLY CORPS U.S. NAVY (1936-1962)

SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR ROWDE

U.S. NAVY OFFICER'S CAP BADGES
OF THE CIVIL WAR
DRAWN BY SARGE BOOKER



ENSIGN THROUGH LIEUTENANT
1862-1864 N919



MIDSHIPMAN 31 JUL. 1862-28 JAN. 1864
N920 U.S. NAVY OFFICER'S CAP BADGE



ROYAL NAVY EM RATINGS

LEFT - ELECTRICIAN GOLD WIRE ON NAVY BLUE
RIGHT - WIREMAN RED ON NAVY BLUE

CONTRIBUTED BY L. J. KARADIN

THE FOUR CHAPLAINS THEY GAVE THEIR LIVES SO OTHERS MAY LIVE



CHRISTIAN CHAPLAIN

AUTHORIZED:
GO NO. 197

31 DECEMBER 1904



GEORGE L. FOX (METHODIST)
ALEXANDER D. GOODE (JEWISH)
CLARK V. POLING (PROTESTANT)
JOHN P. WASHINGTON (CATHOLIC)



JEWISH CHAPLAIN

AUTHORIZED:
CH. 6 TO SR NO. 42
15 OCTOBER 1918

U.S. ARMY CHAPLAIN CORPS BRANCH INSIGNIA



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THE SINKING OF THE S.S. DORCHESTER 3 FEBRUARY 1943 BY THE GERMAN SUBMARINE U-456

THE FOUR CHAPLAINS, WHILE THE S.S. DORCHESTER WAS SINKING, GAVE UP THEIR LIFEJACKETS AND IN TURN THEIR LIVES THAT OTHERS MIGHT NOT PERISH IN THE COLD ICY WATERS OFF THE GREENLAND COAST. IN LESS THAN AN HOUR THE DORCHESTER TOOK HER FINAL PLUNGE, GOING DOWN BY THE BOW WITH A STARBOARD LIST. OF THE 904 MEN ABOARD THE TROOP CARRIER, 605 WERE LOST. THOSE WHO LIVED WOULD NEVER FORGET THE CHAPLAINS' HEROISM. THEIR COURAGE AND SACRIFICE WOULD BE COMMEMORATED ON A U.S. POSTAGE STAMP (SCOTT 956) ISSUED 28 MAY 1948. BY VOTE OF CONGRESS ON 18 JANUARY 1961, A SPECIAL MEDAL OF HEROISM-THE ONLY ONE EVER GIVEN-WAS POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED TO THE FOUR CHAPLAINS.

NOTE

THE ACTUAL DEPICTION OF THE SINKING SHIP ON THE FOUR CHAPLAINS' ISSUE IS INCORRECT. THE STAMP SHOWS THE SHIP SINKING BY THE STERN WHEN IN FACT THE SHIP SANK BY THE BOW. THE U-456 WAS SUNK BY THE ROYAL NAVY FRIGATE LAGAN AND ROYAL CANADIAN CORVET RUMHELLER IN THE MID ATLANTIC ON 13 MAY 1943, JUST 90 DAYS AFTER TORPEDOING THE S.S. DORCHESTER.

SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR ROHDE



FLAT BEVO EMBROIDERY ON BLACK SILK - KELLY GREEN FISH-WHALES-BORDER,
SILVER SUBMARINE 2 1/8 X 5"



MULTI-COLORED ORIENTAL DRAGON EMBROIDERED ON BLACK SILK 2 1/8 X 5"



GREEN-SILVER-YELLOW MERMAID MACHINE EMBROIDERED ON
NON HEMMED BLACK SILK 3 1/4 X 6 1/4"

SOME INTERESTING U.S. NAVY UNIT AND SHIP TABS

ASSAULT CRAFT UNIT ONE

BEACHMASTER UNIT 1

BEACHMASTER UNIT 2

BOAT UNIT 2

COMRIVFLOT ONE

COMRIVRON NINE

COMRIVRON ELEVEN

INSHORUNSEAWARGRU 1

VIETNAM ERA TABS
CUT EDGE 1965-1966

ABOVE TAB MERROW EDGE TYPE 1966-DATE

RIVRON NINE

RIVRON ELEVEN

SUBMITTED BY WILLIAM J. MURPHY

U.S.S. ANGLER

U.S.S. BARB

U.S.S. BLACKFIN

U.S.S. SEA CAT

U.S.S. SEA POACHER

DECOMMISSIONED SUBMARINE TABS
CUT EDGE PRE 1966 TYPE

UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

OFFICER'S METAL CAP INSIGNIA OF WWI AND WWII

FOR THE WO CAP DEVICE SEE ISSUE NO. 9 PAGE 13



GUN METAL GRAY - SCREW BACK
FOR FIELD SERVICE CAP

NOTE

THE EAGLE FACES TO
THE VIEWER'S RIGHT.
THIS WAS THE PRE WWI
CONFIGURATION.
LIKE THE USN OFFICER'S
CAP EAGLE IT WAS CHANGED
TO FACE LEFT IN 1941.
STARS IN THE SHIELD
TOP-7, BOTTOM-6



GILT - SCREW BACK
FOR SERVICE CAP



GILT - SCREW BACK
ORIGINAL CONFIGURATION
EAGLE NOW FACING LEFT



U.S.P.H.S.
BUTTON



BULLION WIRE - ON MOHAIR BAND
HAND EMBROIDERED USING
GOLD FOIL- SPRINGS-THREAD



GILT - SCREW BACK
FOR SERVICE CAP
STAR ARRANGEMENT
TOP - 8 BOTTOM - 7



GILT - PIN BACK
OVERSEAS CAP EAGLE
WORN ON LEFT SIDE
OF GARRISON CAP

SUBMITTED BY
STEPHEN DECATUR ROHDE



GILT - SCREW BACK
U.S. NAVY OFFICER'S CAP EAGLE
AND SHIELD CONVERTED TO USPHS
WITH ATTACHMENT OF PHS CADUCEUS
AND ANCHOR. STARS: 7 - 6

NOTE

USPHS OFFICERS ATTACHED TO THE U.S. ARMY WORE STANDARD OFFICER UNIFORMS AND USPHS CAP DEVICE IN PLACE OF THE ARMY CAP EAGLE. OFFICERS ATTACHED TO THE U.S. NAVY AND COAST GUARD WORE THE METAL USPHS DEVICE MOUNTED ON A MOHAIR BACKGROUND LIKE THE BULLION EXAMPLE ABOVE.

ADMIRAL WILLIAM SOWDEN SIMS 1858 - 1936



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Wm S. Sims
Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy

William S. Sims, born in 1858 in Ontario, Canada, was appointed to the Naval Academy in 1876 and graduated in 1880. Seventeen years of sea duty were followed by assignments as Naval Attaché to Paris, St. Petersburg, and Madrid. Sims next served as Inspector of Target Practice; and, under his supervision, the naval gunnery system increased the rapidity of hits 100 percent and the general effectiveness of fire 300 percent. He also served as Naval Aide to President Theodore Roosevelt for two and one-half years.

On 11 February 1917, Sims became President of the Naval War College. In March 1917, he was designated by the Secretary of the Navy as Representative of the Navy Department in London. With the entry of the United States into World War I in April, he was ordered to assume command of all American destroyers, tenders, and auxiliaries operating from British bases. In May, he was designated as Commander of United States Destroyers Operating from British Bases, with the rank of Vice Admiral; and, in June, his title was changed to Commander, United States Naval Forces Operating in European Waters. On 10 December 1917, he assumed additional duty as Naval Attaché, London, England. The North Sea Mine Barrage was laid under his direction.

Admiral Sims again became President of the Naval War College in April 1919 and served in that capacity until his retirement on 15 October 1922. He died at Boston, Mass., on 25 September 1936.

THE ARMY'S NAVY - ARMY TRANSPORT SERVICE OF WWII

TWO UNIQUE EXAMPLES OF THE ATS SHOULDER MARK RANK OF COMMANDER



LESTER L. GATTON

CHIEF ENGINEER - ARMY TRANSPORT SERVICE
PHOTO 1945 - NEW ORLEANS PORT OF EMBARKATION
GATTON & C. V. KELLY KNEW EACH OTHER IN WWII.

NOTE THE 1945 ADOPTION OF THE ARMY
TRANSPORTATION CORPS DEVICE - SHIP'S
WHEEL-SHIELD-WINGED WHEEL

FROM THE DISTANCE OF STRIPES FROM THE END OF
BOARD. LOOKS LIKE HE IS PLANNING TO MAKE CAPTAIN



ATS COMMANDER DECK OFFICER ALSO
CALLED FIRST OFFICER - NOTE
EARLY ANCHOR AND ARMY BUTTON
INTERESTING PLACEMENT OF THE THREE
STRIPES FAR FROM THE END

THANKS TO PANAMA DAVE

CAPTAIN OF THE NAVAL MILITIA



THIS IS THE COLLAR DEVICE WORN ON THE RIGHT SIDE
OF THE STAND UP SAMPSON UNDRRESS UNIFORM USED
16 JANUARY 1877 - 17 MARCH 1919



FIGHTING SQUADRON 3

SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR RORDE

IN ISSUE NO. 3, PAGE 5 WE SHOWED A MIDDY RATING BADGE - THESE ARE SMALLER VERSIONS OF USN RATINGS WITH A VARIETY OF EAGLE CONFIGURATIONS, STYLE OF EMBROIDERY AND COLORS. IF YOU HAVE ANY MIDDY RATINGS THAT ARE DIFFERENT, PLEASE SEND THEM IN.

CPO QUARTERMASTER

FLAT BEYO EMBROIDERED SILVER GRAY ON
BLACK SILK - VERY DETAILED EAGLE



BOATSWAIN'S MATE FIRST CLASS

SHORT, SQUATTY WHITE EAGLE, ANCHORS
WHITE, CHEVRONS RED - VERY OPEN WEAVE
BACKGROUND



CPO BOATSWAIN'S MATE



GOLD/YELLOW EAGLE AND ANCHORS
BLACK ARC AND CHEVRONS

TWO COLOR COMBINATIONS



MAROON EAGLE AND STAR
WHITE CHEVRONS



WHITE EAGLE AND STAR
MAROON CHEVRONS



USS GROUPE SS-214
LAUNCHED: 27 OCT 1941
SSK: 2 JAN 1961
AGSS: 17 MAY 1968
SCRAPPED: 2 DEC 1968

USS KINGFISH SS-224
LAUNCHED: 2 MARCH 1942
DECOM: NOV 1945
IN RESERVE: 9 MARCH 1946
STRIKE DATE: 1 MARCH 1960
SOLD & SCRAPPED



THE FOLLOWING THREE
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CANYON COUNTRY, CA
91351

SIZE REDUCED 25%



USS COD SS-241
LAUNCHED: 21 MARCH 1943
AGSS: DEC 1962
STRIKE DATE: 15 DEC 1971
AS 1233 - MEMORIAL



USS MARLIN SS-205
EXPERIMENTAL
LAUNCHED: 29 JAN 1941
DECOM: 9 NOV 1945
SOLD: 29 MARCH 1946





USS BREAM SS-243
 LAUNCHED: 17 OCT 1943
 SSK: 18 FEB 1953
 AGSS: APRIL 1955
 STRIKE DATE: 28 JUNE 1969
 SUNK AS TARGET: 8 NOV 1969

ACTUAL SIZES
 A - 4 x 5 1/4"
 B - 2 1/4 x 3"
 C - 4 x 5"
 D - 4 1/2 x 5 1/4"

FROM THE
 COLLECTION OF
 JACK SNOWLES

SIZE REDUCED 36%



4 1/2 x 5 1/2"



4 x 5 1/4"

TECHNICAL DATA BY MARY ANNE ROHDE

A



E



B



ACTUAL SIZES

A - 5 1/4"

B - 4 7/8"

C - 5"

D - 4"

E - 3 x 4"

USS CROAKER SS-246

LAUNCHED: 19 DEC 1942

SSK: 9 APRIL 1953

SS: 15 AUG 1959

AGSS: 1 MAY 1969

STRIKE DATE: 20 DEC 1971

AS IXSS - MEMORIAL

GROTON, CN

SIZE REDUCED 36%



D

C



UNAUTHORIZED U.S. NAVY CONSTRUCTION BATTALION INSIGNIA OF WWII

THE BLOCK LETTERS CB IN A DIAMOND WERE NEVER AUTHORIZED

THIS 1st CLASS P.O. RATING IS ALSO INCORRECT
IN THAT THE EAGLE FACES TO THE RIGHT



P.O. RATING REDUCED 22%



SINCE EMERGENCY SERVICE RATINGS
HAD LETTERS IN A DIAMOND, A
MANUFACTURER'S MISINTERPRETATION
LEAD TO THE PRODUCTION OF THE
LETTERS CB IN A DIAMOND. THIS
ERROR CONTINUED TO BE SHOWN
IN THE BLUEJACKETS' MANUAL
12th EDITION 1944 PAGE XVIII
AND 13th EDITION 1948 PAGE XV.

THE NEW U.S. NAVY SLIP ON SHOULDER LOOPS



LT. JUNIOR GRADE
(JAG CORPS)



COMMANDER
NAVY
NURSE CORPS



REAR ADMIRAL

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IN ISSUE NO. 11 WE SHOWED TWO VARIETIES OF THE GUN METAL BLUE/GRAY OFFICER'S CAP INSIGNIA FOR THE WORKING GRAY UNIFORM. HERE WE HAVE THREE MORE EXAMPLES.



WARRANT OFFICER
CAP



CPO
GARRISON
CAP



CHIEF PETTY OFFICER
CAP

PROMOTIONAL PIN FOR THE FIRST NUCLEAR
SUBMARINE MADE BY THE ELECTRIC BOAT CO.
LETTERS EB ON SAIL - SILVER - PIN BACK



COMMEMORATIVE PIN FOR MEN WHO SERVED
ABOARD HEAVY CRUISERS OF THE OREGON CITY
AND DES MOINES CLASS (NOTE SINGLE STACK)
BRASS - PIN BACK



SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR ROLDE

U.S.S. ALTAIR

U.S.S. ALTAIR DESTROYER TENDER (AD-11)

BUILT IN 1919 AS "EDISTO" FOR THE SHIPPING BOARD; ACQUIRED BY THE U.S. NAVY AND COMMISSIONED 8 DECEMBER 1921, THEN REPORTED TO THE ATLANTIC FLEET. BASED AT SAN DIEGO 1923-1940, THEN REPORTED TO PEARL HARBOR UNTIL 30 SEPTEMBER 1941. DURING WWII SHE SERVICED VESSELS AT BERMUDA, TRINIDAD, GUANTANAMO, CUBA, AND AGAIN AT PEARL HARBOR. DECOMMISSIONED 21 JUNE 1946 AND SCRAPPED IN 1947.

DIMENSIONS
410 1/2 (WL) • 423 (OA)
x 54 x FEET

COMPLEMENT
590 MEN

DISPLACEMENT
6,250 TONS

ARMAMENT
4 • 3" 1 • 5"
6 • 40mm AA

MACHINERY • 1 SHAFT GEARED TURBINES S.H.P. 2,500 • 10.5 KNOTS

FROM THE
COLLECTION OF



STEPHEN
DECATUR
ROHDE

ALTAIR REGULARS

Altair regulars who departed from Hawaii leaving behind them quite an impressive record. Playing teams ashore and afloat, this team lost one out of fifteen matches. Left to right, standing: Lieut. (jg) Messerheimer, H. F. Flowers, CSF, and C. M. Faldner. Chief Pur Clerk. Seated: R. A. Eckholdt, QM1c and C. R. Koetsch, Mmthle.

THE OFFICER ON THE LEFT IS LT(jg) CLIFFORD A. MESSENHIMER FN 76728 (SC) USN, STORAGE OFFICER AT MARE ISLAND NSY, VALLEJO, CA WHEN MY FATHER CDR DONALD T. ROHDE (SC) USN, THEN AN ENSIGN REPORTED ABOARD IN APRIL 1941. BOTH WENT ON TO MAKE THE NAVY A CAREER AND RETIRED PRE 1962. PHOTO TAKEN POST 3 JUNE 1940-PRE PEARL HARBOR. NOTE THE CAP EAGLES AND PETTY OFFICER RATINGS.



LIEUTENANT

CHARLES A. SCRIVENER FN 182541 (DC) USNR

DOB: FEB 1907 FBO: 21 AUG 1942

DESIGNATOR: 2205 - DENTAL CORPS USNR

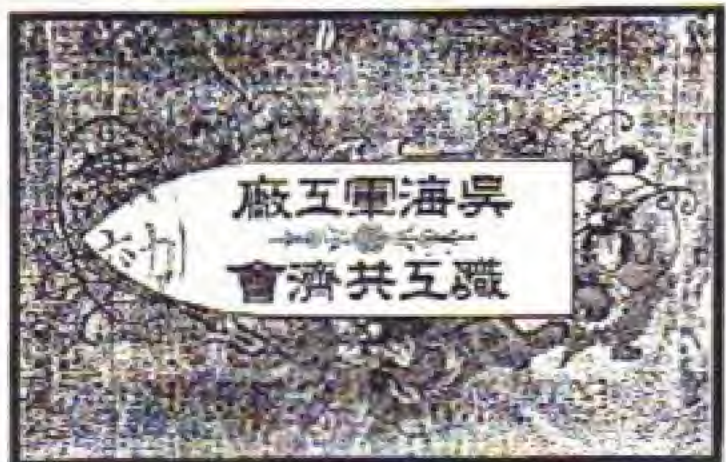
LT: 15 SEPT 1942 - SERVED IN WWII, ISSUED FIELD EQUIPMENT, BUT MOST NEVER USED.

LCDB: 10 JULY 1945; STILL LCDR 1 APRIL 1953

NO LISTING IN USNR BOOKS OF JAN 1958/JULY 1961



SUBMITTED BY
STEPHEN DECATUR RODE



JAPANESE WWII SHIPYARD SCRIPT

5 SEN PURCHASE TICKET

REVERSE: KURE NAVAL FACTORY

MUTUAL AIDE ASSOCIATION

WITH INVALID STAMP



GERMAN LUFTWAFFE WWII

MILITARY BOAT PERSONNEL
TENDERS - CRASH BOATS ETC.

SILVER GRAY ANCHOR AND
WINGS ON A GRAY TWILL

It's legal again to buy full-size medals

By John Burlege
Times staff writer

WASHINGTON - Now you can buy full-size military medals.

A 37 year old prohibition against selling such medals ended in March, with the blessing of the Department of Defense and the military services. Private manufacturers of medals already have been given permission to sell items by the Institute of Heraldry, a DoD agency based at Fort Myer, Va., which controls production and distribution of all military decorations.

Full-size medals were sold throughout World War II and into the 1950s, said Jean Kirk, a representative of the Navy's awards office. But sales were stopped in 1957, because officials feared medals were being bought by people who hadn't earned them. Still, the prohibition didn't apply to miniature medals and ribbons. Anyone can buy those.

The government will provide a second full-size medal only if the original is damaged, lost or stolen. But Kirk said the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Mo., which provides replacements, has been overwhelmed with requests for many years. Lengthy delays are common as a result.

That's one reason for the policy change. The other: "So

many people wanted extra sets and couldn't get them legally," said Tom Proffitt of the Institute of Heraldry. "So they were being forced to buy them illegally."

Three rules will govern the sale of approved medals.

■ They must be cast from government-furnished molds and dies.

■ Only manufacturers certified by the Institute of Heraldry may produce them.

■ Medals will be approved only after the institute is provided a sample.

But the manufacturers won't be required to prove buyers rate the medals they purchase. "It's still the wearers' responsibility," Kirk said.

Word of the change is just getting out, said Anne Kelly of Vanguard, a supplier of military insignia with offices on both coasts. "The public is not really aware yet that we are selling them."

But a new advertising campaign, which includes ads in Navy Times, should change that. Military exchanges also may carry medals soon, although a Navy source said March 23 that the Navy Exchange Command was just beginning the process of getting official approval from the Navy to stock the decorations.

Prices vary. If they contain precious metals or require double stamping, they can cost up to \$250. But the average price is \$5.

MUSICIAN FIRST CLASS PETTY OFFICER

THIS IS A RARE KHAKI RATING BELOW CPO WORN ON THE KHAKI SHIRT BY USN PERSONNEL ATTACHED TO THE ARMY IN WWII



CONTRIBUTED BY A.J. (JIM) BROWNING SKCS USNR

NAVAL SHIPS ON WORLD STAMPS



REPUBLIC OF SPAIN CIVIL WAR PERIOD - THE SUBMARINE DEPICTED HERE IS A C-1 LAUNCHED 26 MARCH 1937 AND NAMED ISAC PERELL IN SEPT 1938. THIS STAMP WAS ISSUED ON 11 AUGUST 1938. A SIX STAMP SOUVENIR SHEET USED ON 300 COVERS, WAS CARRIED ON A SUBMARINE VOYAGE FROM BARCELONA, SPAIN TO MAHON, MINORCA.

SUBMITTED BY S.D. ROYCE

? WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THIS?



NAVY BLUE EMBROIDERED MO INSIDE A DIAMOND ON NAVY SLATE GRAY MATERIAL. HAS ANYONE EVER SEEN THIS BEFORE?

MORE FOREIGN MADE U.S. NAVY P.O. RATINGS

#12

HADIOMAN 2nd CLASS

VERY WELL MADE EAGLE AND SPARKS; CHEVRONS
PRE MADE WAFFLE MATERIAL SEWN ON POLYESTER
STRETCH P.O. BACKGROUND



AEROGRAPHER'S MATE 2nd CLASS

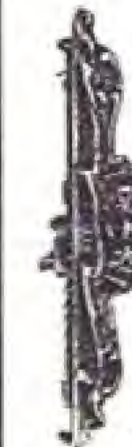
EXTREMELY WELL MADE EAGLE; CHEVRONS
EMBROIDERED VERTICALLY; INK LINES UNDER DESIGN



SUBMITTED BY
STEPHEN DECATUR RONDE

MASTER CPO
SENIOR CPO
CPO

ANCHOR-SILVER TINSEL
THREAD-YELLOW USN
ON BLUE TWILL



SUBMARINE COMBAT PATROL
AUTHORIZED 26 MARCH 1943

GOLD STARS FOR EACH ADDITIONAL PATROL;
SILVER STAR TO REPLACE 5 GOLD STARS
AUTHORIZED 15 SEPTEMBER 1944



MANY SHOULDER MARKS MADE DURING WWII FOR VARIOUS SEA GOING SERVICES HAD THE STANDARD NAVY BUTTON RATHER THAN THE CORRECT SERVICE BUTTON. NAVY SHOULDER MARKS HAVE BEEN FOUND WITH U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEER BUTTONS.

SUBMITTED BY
STEPHEN DECATUR RODE



CHIEF PURSER USMS
WITH THE RANK OF CAPTAIN
NOTE INCORRECT USN BUTTON



STORE'S OFFICER
(CORRECT NAME NEEDED)
WITH RANK OF LCDR
NOTE USMM BUTTON



PENDANT JEWELRY
WITH HER FAVORITE
SAILOR



CONTRIBUTED BY RUDY BASURTO

INFO BY STEVE RODE

U.S. NAVY

THE "U.S. NAVY" CAP RIBBON WAS AUTHORIZED 25 APRIL 1934 TO BE EMBROIDERED IN YELLOW SILK THREAD. THE 31 MAY 1941 UNIFORM REGULATIONS CALL FOR ONLY THE "U.S. NAVY" AND "U.S. NAVAL RESERVE" CAP RIBBONS; SHIP AND STATION CAP RIBBONS WERE NO LONGER AUTHORIZED. THE FLAT HAT WAS ABOLISHED 1 APRIL 1963.



WWII MATCH BOOK

U.S.S. RIGEL

USS RIGEL AD-13/AR-11 BUILT IN 1918 AS THE MERCHANT SHIP EDGECOMBE WAS ACQUIRED BY THE NAVY 16 NOVEMBER 1921 FROM THE WAR SHIPPING BOARD AND COMMISSIONED AS DESTROYER TENDER AD-13 ON 24 FEBRUARY 1922; RECLASSIFIED REPAIR SHIP AR-11 ON 10 APRIL 1941. SHE SERVED IN THE PACIFIC IN WWI. USS RIGEL WAS DECOMMISSIONED 11 JULY 1946, AND TRANSFERRED TO THE MARITIME COMMISSION FOR DISPOSAL. SHE WAS SCRAPPED IN 1950.



LIBERTY CARD BELONGING TO DAVID M. HIGUERA RM1c
GENERAL DETAIL 1st WATCH SECTION ABOARD THE
USS RIGEL (AR-11) SOMETIME AFTER 1 APRIL 1941
SIGNED BY EXECUTIVE OFFICER CDR. W.E. McCLENDON



THE SECOND RIGEL (AF-58) WAS LAID DOWN 15 MARCH 1954; LAUNCHED 15 MARCH 1955, AND COMMISSIONED 2 SEPTEMBER 1955. SHE WAS THE FIRST OF A NEW CLASS OF HIGH-SPEED, LARGE CAPACITY, FULLY REFRIGERATED STORES ISSUES SHIPS. AS OF 1987 SHE WAS SERVING IN THE MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND AS T-AF-58.

THANKS TO RUDY BASURTO FOR THE CAP RIBBON AND STEVE ROHDE FOR CARD, PHOTO & INFO

EUREKA! CHUCK SASS HAS FOUND IT

REFER TO ISSUE #11, PAGE 16 - PELHAM 3c P.O. RATING. CHUCK SENT IN THIS POSTCARD (POSTMARK ENHANCED) SHOWING THE RED CROSS BUILDING AT THE U.S. NAVAL HOSPITAL, PELHAM BAY PARK, NEW YORK. PELHAM BAY NAVAL TRAINING STATION WAS A BOOT CAMP IN WWI. IT WAS LOCATED IN THE NORTHWEST SECTION OF THE BRONX ON LONG ISLAND SOUND. SEE MAP BELOW.



IN THE NEXT ISSUE WE WILL SHOW TWO OTHER PELHAM BAY NTS POSTCARDS

PRE WWII U.S. NAVY BAND UNIFORM



FULL DRESS CAP



FULL DRESS COAT, FRONT VIEW



FULL DRESS COAT, REAR VIEW



FULL DRESS BELT

UNITED STATES NAVY UNIFORM REGULATIONS 1941

SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR ROHDE

SLEEVE DEVICE FULL DRESS
DRUM MAJOR'S UNIFORM



SLEEVE DEVICE FULL DRESS
SECOND LEADER'S UNIFORM



SLEEVE DEVICE FULL DRESS
BANDSMAN'S UNIFORM



MUSICIAN'S
SPECIALTY MARK



FULL DRESS TROUSERS



SUBMITTED BY
CLEMENT V. KELLY JR.



GERMAN
WATER PROTECTION
POLICE - WWII
THESE PEOPLE WERE THE
EQUIVALENT OF THE HARBOR
POLICE IN LARGE PORTS.
SUBMITTED BY
STEPHEN DECATUR RONDE

HAND MADE RANK BARS



MADE IN PANAMA FROM
SILVER COINS FOR SALE
TO U.S. SERVICEMEN
SENT IN BY DAVE COLLAR

USS FORRESTAL CVA-59

FIRST OF THE MIGHTY POST WWII
AIRCRAFT CARRIERS



JAMES V. FORRESTAL

THIS SHIP WAS NAMED AFTER THE FIRST SECRETARY OF DEFENSE JAMES V. FORRESTAL, BORN 15 FEBRUARY 1892 IN BEACON, NY. HE WAS A NAVAL AVIATOR IN WWI. HE ENGAGED IN BANKING BETWEEN THE WARS, AND ENTERED GOVERNMENT SERVICE IN JUNE 1940. HE WAS APPOINTED SECRETARY OF THE NAVY JUNE 1944, AND AS THE FIRST SECRETARY OF DEFENSE IN SEPTEMBER 1947. HE RESIGNED IN MARCH 1949. HE COMMITTED SUICIDE BY JUMPING FROM THE 16th FLOOR AT BETHESDA NAVAL HOSPITAL IN MARYLAND 22 MAY 1949.



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Texas



A VARIETY OF PRE 1941 U.S. NAVY OFFICER'S CAP EAGLES



NOTE THE CLOSENESS OF THE
ANCHORS TO THE SHIELD; SIZE
OF SHIELD AND ARRANGEMENT
OF STARS IN ROWS OF 6-7



NOTE THE OPENNESS OF THE
ANCHORS TO THE SHIELD; SIZE OF
SHIELD AND ARRANGEMENT OF
STARS IN ROWS OF 7-6

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STERLING BY
BAILEY, BANKS & BIDDLE



STERLING BY
HILBORN-HAMBERGER

MINIATURE CAP DEVICE FOR
THE WWII GARRISON CAP
MANUFACTURED IN THE PRE 1941
STYLE, OR THIS COULD BE A PIN
ON METAL COLLAR EAGLE FOR THE
PRE 1919 SAMPSON COAT WORN BY THE
NAVAL MILITIA AND NAVAL RESERVE FORCE



BULLION
NAVAL MILITIA
COLLAR INSIGNIA



BULLION
NAVAL MILITIA
COLLAR INSIGNIA

THANKS TO JOHN A. BIBERDORF

CHIEF YEOMAN

MOST UNUSUAL PETTY OFFICER RATING
CHEVRONS ARE RED ON LIGHT TAN WOOL
LEE DOES NOT STATE COLOR OF CROW AND
QUILLS, BUT ASSUME THEY ARE PURPLE BLUE
SUBMITTED BY LEE RAGAN



STEVE ROHDE AND LEE RAGAN ALSO HAVE
CPO RATINGS ALL BLACK ON RED WOOL

WWII V-12 MEDICAL SHOULDER MARK

V-12 PROGRAM APPROVED 1 DEC 1942; EFFECTIVE
1 JULY 1943 AT MORE THAN 200 UNIVERSITIES.
ESTABLISHED AS AN ACADEMIC TRAINING PROGRAM
TO PROVIDE A CONTINUOUS SUPPLY OF OFFICER
CANDIDATES FOR THE USN-USMC-USCG

CONTRIBUTED BY DAVE COLLAR



USMC ENLISTED COLLAR DISC
WORN BY MARINES ON THE ARMY
UNIFORM IN THE AEF, 1918-1919

SHIRT COLLAR DEVICES FOR THE VARIOUS CORPS OF THE V-12 PROGRAM

SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR ROHDE

THIS PHOTO IS SO UNIQUE AS A RESEARCH TOOL THAT WE DECIDED TO ADD ANOTHER PAGE TO THE CROW'S NEST SO WE COULD INCLUDE THIS. IT TOOK SEVERAL YEARS AND MANY LETTERS TO NAIL DOWN THE TIME FRAME OF THIS PHOTO.

FROM THE ARTICLE "AND NOW - NAVAL ROTC STUDENTS BECOME ENSIGNS OF THE LINE"
BY LCDR FREDERICK A. NELSON - U.S. NAVAL INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS APRIL 1941



NOTE THE CAP AND SLEEVE ENSIGNA - THESE ARE THE SAME SIZE, BUT THE CAP ENSIGNA IS BALLOON EMBROIDERED ON A CAP BAND MOUNT, WHILE THE SLEEVE DEVICE IS BALLOON EMBROIDERED ON A DIAMOND SHAPED BALLOON. CHIN STRAPS ARE 1 1/2" WIDE, SAME FOR BOTH JUNA AND ROTC CADETS. SLEEVE ENSIGNA WORN BY STUDENT OFFICERS OF THE BATTALION ARE SHOWN ON THE TOP TWO ROWS. ANCHOR AND HORIZONTAL BARS (BOTTOM ROW) INDICATE THE YEAR OF TRAINING. NUMBER OF BARS INDICATE SUMMER COURSES COMPLETED. NOTE THE UNUSUAL FIFTY OFFICER BARS!!! - NO RECORD CLASS AND NO CHIEF. ALL ROTCERS AND UNIFORMS OF THE PHOTO WERE CHANGED TO COMFORM TO THAT WORN BY USNA CADETS ON 26 JUNE 1954.

SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR NORICE

NOTES AND COMMENTS

MOST OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CROW'S NEST HAVE NO DESCRIPTION OR TITLE. RESEARCH AND INFORMATION HAS BEEN COMPILED BY STEPHEN & MARY ANNE ROLDE TO MAKE THIS A MORE INFORMATIVE PUBLICATION.

WILLIAM J. MURPHY WOULD LIKE TO TRADE SHIP PATCHES AND CIGARETTE LIGHTERS FOR NAVY RATES AND PLAIN EDGE SHIP TABS. CONTACT HIM AT: 10 VILLAGE ROAD EAST, BROOKLYN, NY 11223

THE DOG TAG KING WOULD LIKE TO CORRESPOND WITH ANYONE WHO HAS MILITARY ID TAGS. WOULD LIKE PHOTOCOPIES OF TAGS FOR MY RESEARCH. ALL QUESTIONS ON TAGS ANSWERED. CONTACT: STEPHEN D. ROLDE, 927 E. HOMESTEAD ROAD, SUNNYVALE, CA 94087

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STEVE ROLDE HAS A U.S. NAVY P.O. RATING CHECK OFF LIST. SEND \$0.25 TO HIM AT: 927 EAST HOMESTEAD ROAD, SUNNYVALE, CA 94087

A NEW MILITARY AFFAIRS GROUP DEALING WITH CURRENT AND HISTORICAL INFORMATION REGARDING OUR UNIFORMED SERVICES AND SUPPORT GROUPS IS BEING FORMED, AND YOU ARE INVITED TO BECOME PART OF THIS EXCITING EVENT. WE ARE JUST GETTING STARTED AND OUR ONLY REQUIREMENT OF YOU IS A GENUINE INTEREST IN MILITARY TOPICS AND A STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE TO SEND YOU THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS.

PLEASE CONTACT: JIM POWELL MAG. P.O. BOX 112, NEWBURG, PA 17240-0112

DOES ANYONE HAVE IN THEIR COLLECTION A CAP RIBBON TITLED "U.S. NAVAL RESERVE"? IF YES, PLEASE SEND IN A PHOTOCOPY, AND STATE IF YELLOW THREAD, OR BULLION WIRE TYPE.

WE INVITE YOU TO SHARE SOME OF YOUR SERVICE RECOLLECTIONS WITH THE READERS. WE ALL HAVE HAD SOME PRETTY HUMOROUS AND HORRENDOUS THINGS HAPPEN WHILE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES. (MAXIMUM OF ONE HALF PAGE)

SPECIAL NOTE: I HAVE TRIED TO INCLUDE ALL THE MATERIAL THAT WAS SENT TO ME BY SARGE. IF YOU DON'T SEE YOUR ITEMS IN ISSUE #12 OR 13, IT IS BECAUSE THEY OR ONES VERY SIMILAR TO THEM HAVE APPEARED IN EARLIER ISSUES OF THE CROW'S NEST.

IT'S A GREAT HOBBY!

HAPPY COLLECTING!

Steve Rolde

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